

PHRCorps Press



A quarterly newsletter to inform Public Health Reserve Corps (PHRC) volunteers of:

- Education & training opportunities,
- Relevant news & events, and
- Public Health Seattle King County (PHSKC) related information.

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Public Health
Seattle & King County



Welcome PHRC Volunteers!

Last fall Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC) launched the Public Health Reserve Corps; a group of volunteers prescreened and trained to augment Public Health staff during an emergency in King County. When every minute counts, the Public Health Reserve Corps will play a major role.

The primary areas of focus for the PHRC are:

- Dispensing medications and vaccinations
- Conducting health screening & assessment

As Public Health increases its capability to respond to emergencies, the PHRC will also expand in scope and size. Successfully, our initial recruitment brought in over 120 volunteers

which includes pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, advanced registered nurse practitioners, licensed practical nurses, physicians, and support volunteers.

The PHRC is supported through the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI), a CDC pilot program that aids cities in increasing their capacity to quickly deliver medicines to local communities during a large-scale public health emergency.

We appreciate your support and patience as we continue to develop and improve our application and screening process.

We look forward to meeting and working with each of you. Thank you for your dedication and support.

PHRC Volunteer Orientation

Monday, July 23

8:00 AM – 10:30 AM
OR
6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Eastgate Public Health Center
Rooms A&B
14350 SE Eastgate Way,
Bellevue

Food & beverages provided

Must sign up by calling or e-mailing Stephanie at 206.205.0404, stephanie.cherberg@kingcounty.gov

RSVP by July 13

PHRC Education & Training Opportunities*

Tour of King County Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
Emergency Coordination Center

Enjoy an engaging narrative walking tour of the region's "central" emergency management command center.

Tuesday, July 24, September 25 OR October 23,
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Renton

A minimum of 3 volunteers are needed for tour to be conducted.

Medication Center Logistics Training

The success of a medication center depends heavily on good logistic support, including job roles & responsibilities around set up, supplies and signage placement. A series of Logistics Trainings will occur this fall. Stay tuned for specific dates, times and location.

Vaccinator Refresher Training

Licensed health professionals, who don't normally vaccinate in their daily work, receive hands on training on administering vaccinations to adults and children.

Tuesday, October 9 OR Thursday, October 18,
6:00 – 9:00 PM, Location to be determined

Dinner and beverages provided
CEU's pending

PHSKC Mass Vaccination Flu Clinic Drill

Public Health will practice its ability to give vaccinations to a large number of people in a short amount of time, using real seasonal flu vaccine.

Saturday, December 9, 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM,
Renton and Delridge Community Centers
Breakfast, lunch and snacks provided

Online Training:

Mass Dispensing Sites: A Primer for Volunteers

An overview of the general operations of mass dispensing sites and an orientation for individuals who may be asked to work in those sites during an emergency.

<http://cpheo.sph.umn.edu/cpheo/umncphp/online/home.html#massdisp>

FEMA Independent Study Courses

FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) offers self-paced courses designed for people who have emergency management responsibilities and the general public. Courses are offered free-of-charge to those who qualify for enrollment.

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/ceus.asp>

The following independent courses are highly recommended for PHRC volunteers, especially prior to attending PHRC Orientation:

- IS-100.HC Introduction to the Incident Command System for Healthcare/Hospitals
- IS-700 National Incident Management System an Intro

***To register for all in-person trainings & drills e-mail or call Stephanie Cherberg at Stephanie.cherberg@kingcounty.gov or 206-205-0404**



King County OEM Emergency Coordination Center



PHSKC Staff at Mass Vaccination Clinic, Fall 2006



Clients wait for doors to open at Mass Vaccination Clinic, Fall 2006

PHSKC is Moving!

Beginning 7/16/07 contact information for PHSKC & the PHRC program, including E-mail and Web addresses, will be:
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New phone & fax numbers are not known at the time of newsletter distribution. Please continue using current phone and fax numbers for correspondence until further notice:
206-205-6509 phone
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Volunteer Feedback Welcome:

PHRC volunteer feedback is critical to the success of the PHRC program. We value and welcome your comments, suggestions and ideas regarding the look, layout and content of the PHRCorps Press as well as the PHRC program.

PHRC Inaugural Orientation Kicks Off

Saturday, April 28 marked the first ever PHRC volunteer orientation. Over 40 volunteer nurses, physicians, pharmacists and support volunteers attended. Dr. Jeff Duchin, PHSKC Chief of Epidemiology, kicked off the orientation with a welcome message on behalf of PHSKC Director, Dr. David Fleming. Additional presenters covered

topics on the history & purpose of the PHRC, Incident Command System, disaster mental health, risk communication and policies & procedures around the Emergency Worker Program. We thank volunteers for taking time to provide invaluable feedback regarding the

orientation so that future orientations may be improved.



Meet PHSKC Staff behind the PHRC

The PHRC is one of the largest reserve corps in the region, which is managed by PHSKC. If you haven't had the opportunity yet...meet the staff behind the PHRC:

Mandi George, Program Manager (center)

I am quite impressed with the cadre of experience, dedication and support of PHRC volunteers. I've been with PHSKC for two years, since January 1 as program manager for the PHRC. In my spare time I love running, camping, hiking, cross-country skiing, and gardening, especially with my husband and 19 month old daughter.

Michelle Pennylegion, Program Manager (right)

I have worked for PHSKC since 1996, overseeing the PHRC the last two years. It has been quite rewarding watching the PHRC grow from concept to reality. When not working, my husband and I are very involved in our two children's' school activities.

Stephanie Cherberg, Human Resources Associate (left)

Recently hired, I coordinate the HR functions of the PHRC. Direct contact with volunteers is very gratifying. When not processing applications, I am busy completing my BA degree in Business Administration and preparing for my Professional in Human Resources certification. I also enjoy gardening and hiking in my free time.

